

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 722

SPONSOR: Senator Clary

SUBJECT: Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund

DATE: February 6, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>DeLoach</u>	<u>Hayes</u>	<u>AGG</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

This legislation re-creates the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2004. The Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-030, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 2000, by Chapter 99-312, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

Pursuant to s. 369.252, F.S., the purpose of the fund is to provide resources to eradicate or maintain control of invasive exotic plants on public lands. Sections 201.15, 206.606 and 328.76, F.S., provide revenue sources. These sources include 2.28% of documentary stamp tax revenues, \$6.3 million in gas tax revenues, and a portion of commercial and non-commercial vessel registration fees. According to LAS/PBS data, receipts to this fund for FY 2002-2003 were \$51.1 million.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.